

tambien un nuevo aliciente para esforzaros aún más en el cumplimiento de todos vuestros deberes de Oblatos y de Misioneros en esa parte de la Congregación.

Al nuevo Consejo Provincial le prometemos la asistencia de nuestras oraciones « ut in campo sibi concredito regnum Christi citius promoveatur ». (Art. 548)

Y a todos, queridos Padres y Hermanos os deseamos la abundancia de las bendiciones divinas por la mediación de nuestra Madre Inmaculada con todo nuestro religioso y paterno afecto.

LEO DESCHÂTELETS, O.M.I.  
*Superior General*

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## **9. - St Mary's Province and Assumption Province.**

### **New Assumption Province**

TO THE OBLATES OF ST. MARY'S PROVINCE  
AND ASSUMPTION PROVINCE

Rome, August 22. 1956.  
*(Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary).*

*My dear Reverend Fathers and dear Brothers,*

Some five years ago, it was our pleasure to send to our Oblate sons of St. Mary's Province a special message on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Province. It had been canonically erected as such by our Predecessor Archbishop Dontenwill, on March 15, 1926. Befitting the jubilee occasion, we recalled with paternal pride and gave prayerful thanks for the manifest blessings of God during the period of difficult beginnings and gradual but solid expansion of the Province. The history of St. Mary's Province

is the history of Oblate Missionaries striving « solely for the glory of God, the welfare of the Church, the salvation of souls... and the sanctification of their brethren » (Holy Rules, Preface). In the light of these same sacred purposes, our venerated Founder ardently desired the destiny and the strivings of our beloved Congregation ever to be guided.

After mature and prayerful deliberation, in a constant endeavour to live up to these ideals of Bishop De Mazenod, inspired with the selfsame motives that were his and which he has handed down to us in the sacred heritage of our Holy Rules — long since approved by « the plenitude of Our Apostolic Authority » and enjoying « the full force of Our Apostolic Sanction » (Pius XI), we take this occasion on this feast of Our Blessed Mother to make official announcement of an important and far-reaching decision concerning our beloved Congregation and its missionary work in St. Mary's Province.

With the previous consent of our Council (Art. 435, no. 3: 519), we have issued a Decree (Aug. 22, 1956, No. 929/56 1) whereby a new Vicariate of Missions, to be known as « Assumption Province » is canonically erected. Its principal ministry will be among old and new Canadians of Polish descent.

This new religious jurisdiction comprises the following districts, houses, residences or stations, and the personnel thereof, all formerly attached to St. Mary's Province:

- 1) The entire religious District of Toronto.
- 2) The entire religious District of Rama.
- 3) The religious House of the Holy Ghost, Winnipeg.
- 4) The religious Residence of Melville, Sask.
- 5) The following religious stations:

- St. Casimir, Vancouver, B.C.
- St. Michael's, Krydor, Sask.
- St. Stanislaus Kostka, East Selkirk. Man.
- St. Michael's, Lemberg, Sask.
- Sacred Heart, Garson, Man.
- Holy Trinity, Tolstoi, Man.
- St. Theresa, Rosshurn, Man.
- Sacred Heart, Elphinstone, Man.

We have termed this decision an important one. We have weighed it carefully in the presence of God, seeking only His Divine Will. We have invoked the intercession of our heavenly Mother, Patroness of St. Mary's Province, and we confide the new « Assumption Province », to her maternal care. We beseech her, Mother and Queen of all Oblates, to guide, bless and sanctify each and every one of our Oblate sons of both Provinces, bringing them ever closer to her Divine Son in their faithful and loyal attachment to their Oblate vocation and the Oblate way of life. Such is our fervent prayer, and with it we extend our paternal blessing.

In Our Lord. Mary Immaculate, and Our Venerated Founder,

LEO DESCHÂTELETS, O.M.I.  
*Superior General*

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#### 10. - *Assumption Vicariate.*

##### **Vicar and Vicarial Council**

TO THE REVEREND FATHERS AND BROTHERS  
OF THE ASSUMPTION VICARIATE.

Rome, August 31, 1956.

*My dear Fathers and Brothers.*

In order to provide for the Vicarial Administration of the newly erected *Assumption Vicariate*, we